

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 23, 2006 ("Office Action"). Claims 1-41 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-41. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case in view of the following remarks.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-41 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,603 issued to Milbrandt ("603 Patent"). The Examiner provides that a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Without addressing whether this rejection is correct on the merits, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-41.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (214) 953-6584.

The \$130.00 fee required for a Terminal Disclaimer by 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is submitted herewith and believed to be correct. Although Applicant believes no other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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